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(type or print name of person certifying)

WARNING:

A continued examination request cannot be made if at least one office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 161 has not been mailed. The provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.114 also do not apply (1) to a provisional application, an application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a); (2) an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. 363 before June 8, 1995; (3) a patent under reexamination; or (4) an application for a design patent. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114(d).

NOTE: There is no limit to the number of times the fee for continued examination may be submitted. Notice of March 10,

NOTE: Unlike a continuation application, a continued examination request can utilize the mailing procedure of 37 C.F.R. 1.8. See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.8(a)(2)(i)(A).

2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. Thi	s reques	t is bein	g submitted (check appropriate item(s) below):			
	i.	[x]	Prior to abandonment of the application			
	ii.	[]	Payment of the issue fee [] Prior to payment of issue fee [] Issue fee has been paid but a petition under Section 1.313 has been granted			
	iii.	[]	Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences [] A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.			
NOTE: If such a notice is not sent to the Board, they may refuse to vacate a decision rendered after the filing of the RC before recognition by the Office of the RCE request under Section 1.114.						
	iv.	[]	Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or []Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146 [] Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action [] Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated			
			ENCLOSURES			
3. End	closed he	erewith i	s/are:			
WARNING:		If reply to a final or non-final Office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding, the submission must meet the reply requirements of Section 1.111. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114(b).				
	[] An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98) [] Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B) [x] An amendment (previously filed but unentered Amendment filed 09/03/02)					
	[] A PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT					

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- [] New arguments
- [] New evidence in support of patentability
- [] Other

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).

- 4. This application is on behalf of:
 - [] Small entity (and status is still as small entity) \$370.00
 - [x] Other than a small entity \$740.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$ 740.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

NOTE: "The fee for continued examination under Section 1.114 (Section 1.17(e)) does not include additional claims fee (cf. 1.53 (d)(3)(ii))." See Notice of March 10, 2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868.

 $37\ C.F.R.\ 1.53(d)(3)$: "The filing fee for a continued prosecution application filed under this paragraph is:

- (i) The basic filing fee as set forth in Section 1.16; and
- (ii) Any additional Section 1.16 fee due based on the number of claims remaining in the application after entry of any amendment accompanying the request for an application under this paragraph and entry of any amendments under Section 1.116 unentered in the prior application which applicant has requested to be entered in the continued prosecution application."
- 5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

								OTHER T	THAN A
	(Col.1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENT	ITY	SN	IALL ENTI	TY
	Claims		···						
	Remainin	g	Highest No.						
	After		Previously	Present		Addit.			Addit.
	Amendme	nt	Paid For	Extra	Rate	Fee	OR	Rate	Fee
Total	*38	Minus	38	=	x \$9 =	\$		x \$18 =	\$
Indep.	*6	Minus	6	=	x \$42 =	\$		x \$84 =	\$
[] Fir	st Presentation	on of Mu	ltiple Depende	nt Claim	+ \$135 =	\$		+ \$270 =	\$
			Total Addit. Fee		\$	OR	Total Addit . Fee	\$	

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3,
- ** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
- *** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

 The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

WARNING:	See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116.			
		(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)		
(c)	[x]	No additional fee is required.		
		OR		
(d)	[]	Total additional fee required is \$		

EXTENSION OF TIME

(If an extension of time is appropriate complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- 6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.
 - (a) [X] Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension for (months)	Fee for other than small entity		Fee for small entity
[x] one month	\$ 55		\$110
[] two months	\$200		\$400
[] three months	\$460		\$920
[] four months	\$720		\$1,440
		Fee	\$_110.00_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[]	An extension for _	month has already been secured, and the fee paid			
	therefor of \$	is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of			
	extension now requested.				

Extension fee due with this request \$

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	(b)	[]	Applicant believes that no exter conditional petition and authori possibility that applicant has in fee for extension of time.	ization to pay the necessa	ry fees	to provide for the
			TOTAL FEE	(S) DUE		
WARNI	NG:	The fee j	for continued examination under Section	n 1.114 may not be deferred. 3	7 C.F.R. S	Section 1.53(f).
7. The	e total fe	e(s) due	e is/are:			
	Contin	ued Pros	secution Fee (Section 1.17(e))		\$	740.00
	Fee(s)	for addi	tional claims (if any) (Section 1.	16(b)-(d))	\$	
	Extens	ion of ti	me fee (if any) (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$	110.00
				Total Fee(s) Due:	\$	850.00
			PAYMENT OF F	FEE(S) DUE		
8. Ple	ase pay	the fee(s	s) for this continued examination	application as follows:		
	[]	Check	is attached for the sum of		\$	
	[x]	Charge	Account 18-0013 the sum of		\$	850.00
	[]	_	e Credit Card the sum of t Card Payment Form (PTO-2038	attached.)	\$	
Section	Please 1.17(a)		any required additional fee(s) for so	Section 1.17(e), Section	1.16(b)	-(d) and/or
	[x]	Accoun	nt <u>18-0013</u>	-		
	[]	Credit	Card (Credit Card Payment Form	n (PTO-2038) attached.)		

INVENTORSHIP

NOTE: Any change of inventors must be via the procedure set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.48. See Notice of March 10, 2000, 65 Fed Reg 14865, at 14868.

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

. []	the same inventors as previously designated	I for the claims.
[]		ted and a statement accompanies this request person or persons who are not inventors of
[]	a person not named previously as an inventoris/has separately: [] being filed [] been filed	or and a petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.48
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